

EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Gunnar ANDERSSON *et al.*

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For: MULTI-LAYER FILM AND METHOD OF
MAKING SAME

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

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Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003 (Paper No. 12), for 1 month from October 16, 2003, to January 13, 2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

AUTHORIZATION

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However,

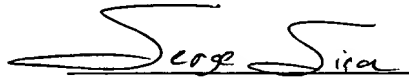
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to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

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